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MARITIME MUSEUM
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to establish National Heritage Maritime Museum in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is also a proposal to set up Light House Museum in Chennai and also to modernize the existing lighthouses in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the identified lighthouses are likely to be modernized?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): There is a proposal to establish the National Heritage Maritime Museum near Mahabalipuram Lighthouse. Feasibility study for the suitable location is in progress.

(c): Yes, Madam.

(d): There is a proposal to set up a Lighthouse Museum in Chennai. Modernisation of Lighthouses in the country is an ongoing process and latest technologies are introduced in the lighthouses. The modern lighthouse equipments introduced are energy saving systems and are environment friendly. These are mostly powered by solar energy, are more reliable and energy efficient.

(e): Lighthouse equipments are upgraded in line with international standards and this is a continuous process.